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Mail Stop Amendment/Response

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 19, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also submitting a petition for one month extension of time to file a response to the above Office Action. With the extension, the response is now due August 20, 2007 (August 19, 2007 being a Sunday).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.